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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed June 22, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims 1-22 are respectfully requested.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's statement in the previous Office Action in which claims 9-16 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In that it is believed that every rejection has been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

In particular, the Office Action states that regarding claims 13 and 15 would be allowable over *Anderson*, since *Anderson* does not disclose a logical unit into which images are grouped. As presently amended, this feature is contained in independent claims 1 and 18. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 18 and their dependent claims are allowable, since at least this claimed feature is not taught or suggested by the cited art.

2. Claim Objections

Claims 13 and 15 have been objected to for the reason that the term "the currently logically grouped unit" does not have antecedent basis in any of the base claims. Accordingly, claims 13 and 15 have been amended to overcome the objection. Therefore, the objections to dependent claims 14 and 16 should also be withdrawn.

3. Response To Rejections of Claims 1-8 and 17-22 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 and 17-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Anderson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,680,749). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

It is axiomatic that "[a]nticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration." *W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 721 F.2d 1540, 1554, 220 USPQ 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). Therefore, every claimed feature of the claimed subject matter must be represented in

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the applied reference to constitute a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). In the present case, not every feature of the claimed subject matter is represented in the *Anderson* reference.

As previously discussed, the Office Action indicates that the feature "wherein said program code is configured to group said image data into one or more logical units," as recited in claim 1, and the step of "grouping said image data in one or more logical units," as recited in claim 18, are not suggested or taught by the cited art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 & 18 and dependent claims 2-17 and 19-22 (which depend from respective independent claims 1 & 18) are allowable over the cited art for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

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